EXHIBIT 1

IN THE UNITED STATES JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION

EDVIN C. REMUND, an) individual,) CIVIL NO. 2:07CV00448 Plaintiff,) DEPOSITION OF: vs.) EDVIN C. REMUND STATE FARM FIRE AND) CASUALTY COMPANY, dba) State Farm Insurance,) a nationwide insurance company,) Defendant.

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2	9:06 a.m.
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4	PROCEEDINGS
5	EDVIN C. REMUND
6	called as a witness at the instance and request of
7	the defendant, having been first duly sworn, was
8	examined and testified as follows:
9	<u>EXAMINATION</u>
10	BY MR. WRIGHT:
11	Q Mr. Remund, we've met before. My name is
12	Andrew Wright. I'm counsel for State Farm, which is
13	the defendant in this lawsuit.
14	Will you please state your full name for
15	the record?
16	A Edvin, spelled with a V, Clive, C-L-I-V-E,
17	R-E-M-U-N-D, Remund.
18	Q Okay. And what is your address, please?
19	A 1365 East Harvard Avenue, Salt Lake City,
20	Utah 84105.
21	Q Have you ever had your deposition taken
22	before?
23	A Yes, I have.
24	Q How long has it been?
25	A Years. I can't think of exactly when, but

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1	Q	How old is Ronald?
2	А	Born in 1960, so whatever that is. So that
3	makes h	im 38.
4	Q	And Joan?
5	А	I think 33, something like that.
6	Q	What brought you to Utah or back to
7	Utah?	
8	А	Just made a decision to leave Southern
9	Califor	nia.
10	Q	Have you worked here in Utah at all?
11	А	Worked? You mean for pay?
12	Q	As a yes, as a profession.
13	А	No.
14	Q	You've been doing things, though?
15	А	Oh, yes.
16	Q	How about your wife? Has she worked here
17	in Utah	
18	А	No.
19	Q	as a profession? Okay. Are Ronald or
20	Joan ma	rried at all?
21	А	Neither one have ever been married.
22	Q	Do you know when the Harvard home was
23	built?	
24	А	1928.
25	Q	And you were saying the Daines family built

1	it?
2	A Daines family. I think it was Fred Daines.
3	Q Is that who you purchased the home from?
4	A No.
5	Q Who did you buy it from?
6	A Robert Orton. No, no, no. My mistake.
7	Lewis. Dr. Lewis. I can't remember his first name.
8	Q Did you speak with Dr. Lewis about the home
9	as you were purchasing that?
10	A Yes.
11	Q Did you have any discussions about the
12	creek that runs at the back of your property?
13	A No.
14	Q In the purchase of sorry. In the
15	process of purchasing that home, were there any
16	discussions with anyone real estate agents,
17	anyone specifically about the creek that runs
18	through that property?
19	A Other than the house was on the creek, no.
20	Q What discussions were had about the house
21	that's on the creek?
22	A They just told me it was down there. I
23	went and looked at it.
24	Q Did you receive a set of disclosures from
25	Dr. Lewis when you purchased that home?

1	A I think yes. I'm reasonably sure I did.
2	Q Do you recall anything in those disclosures
3	indicating any issues with flooding or problems of
4	any kind with that creek?
5	A No issues.
6	Q Had you heard from anybody, either at the
7	time you purchased the home or since, that there had
8	been any problems with that creek prior to your
9	purchase of the home?
L O	A Have I heard?
L1	Q Have you heard or has someone told you
L2	that?
L3	A We discussed things about the creek with
L 4	neighbors.
L 5	Q And tell me what you've learned.
L6	A Just that it's, especially in the last few
L 7	years, it's just been up and down in flow. That's
L 8	about it. And the number of steps down to it at my
L9	place and another place. A contest was going on, how
20	many steps down to the creek. Mine is the furthest,
21	by the way.
22	Q Okay. So it's clear on the record, you
23	have a gully or ravine, whatever you want to call it,
24	at the back of your property, correct?
25	A It's referred to as the gully.

1	Q The gully. And running at the bottom of
2	that gully is Red Butte Creek?
3	A That's correct.
4	Q Is that what it's called?
5	A It is.
6	Q And then you have what do you call the
7	structure down there that's on the creek that's on
8	your property?
9	A It's a two-story structure, yes.
10	Q Do you call it a cabin or is it a summer
11	home or
12	A Just the house on the creek.
13	Q Okay. And that house on the creek, having
14	been there myself, the creek literally runs
15	underneath a portion of that.
16	A That's correct.
17	Q And tell me, if you were to go upstream
18	from the portion of the creek that is located on your
19	property, if you were to walk up to the next couple
20	of properties, is that creek directed by any sort of
21	retaining or channel walls up the creek?
22	A Channel walls.
23	Q And do those channel walls run up the creek
24	a ways, then?
25	A A ways.

1	Q How far? Do you know?
2	A I haven't measured it, but I would estimate
3	about 70 feet, something like that, from my property,
4	going east.
5	Q And then how about going west?
6	A There are some partial channel walls down
7	there.
8	Q Okay.
9	A I don't know how far.
10	Q Now, when you purchased the home in '02,
11	tell me, what were the channel I know it's changed
12	since then, so tell me what the channel walls and the
13	setup was down there as far as the creek goes.
14	A Well, they were intact all the way under my
15	property, under the structure.
16	Q And so these are
17	A Stone walls.
18	Q stone walls. And did it have a floor to
19	it as well, a stone bottom to it?
20	A Partially. Upstream, not directly under
21	the structure.
22	Q Okay. So on your property you've got the
23	rock walls, the channel walls, as you called it, and
24	then but the bottom of that is just a natural
25	bottom to it?

1	A Yeah. Gravel bottom.
2	Q Okay.
3	A Rocks and gravel.
4	Q And then at the tops of the walls was the
5	ground level to the sides of each of those walls?
6	A Depends on where you're talking about.
7	Q Okay. So some portions of it were level;
8	some were not?
9	A That's correct.
10	Q And there's a change in elevation going
11	from east to west on that creek; is that right?
12	A There is.
13	Q I assume that you would have observed the
14	creek as you purchased that property and were in that
15	property in 2002.
16	A Sure. What it was at the time, yes.
17	Q What were your observations as far as the
18	flow of the creek in 2002?
19	A Very low.
20	Q Can you describe for me how low? Can you
21	quantify that at all?
22	A Oh, probably a half a second foot a minute,
23	something like that.
24	Q How deep let's say when you first got
25	into the home in the

1	A	January.
2	Q	January time frame of 2002, how deep
3	would it h	pe?
4	A	A few inches.
5	Q	And then in the springtime, I would assume
6	that cree!	would rise some and flow faster.
7	A	Yes.
8	Q	As the runoff was coming down the creek?
9	A	Correct.
10	Q	And did that then subside some in the late
11	summer and	d fall?
12	A	Yes.
13	Q	And was that the case in 2002?
14	А	As I recall. I wasn't observing it that
15	closely at	that time.
16	Q	Does that I would assume that creek
17	increases	in flow and depth when you've got big
18	rainstorms	5.
19	A	Yes.
20		MR. STEFFENSEN: Foundation. Time period.
21	Q	(BY MR. WRIGHT) Talking '02, still.
22	A	Yeah. Yes.
23	Q	Has that always been the case? The flow
24	and depth	increases as you get rainwater coming down
25	it?	

1	A Yes.
2	Q And has it always been the case that the
3	flow and depth of that stream changes over the
4	seasons?
5	A It does.
6	Q And so, generally speaking, is it accurate
7	to say that from 2002 to the present, that the flow
8	and depth of that stream increases in the spring
9	runoff time and up through a portion of the summer?
10	A Yes. During the time I've been there I've
11	observed that, yes.
12	Q Okay. And then goes down, decreases some
13	in the late summer and fall time?
14	A That's correct.
15	Q Do you have any observations if you were
16	to compare the flow of the water now to in '02, do
17	you have any observations as to any differences or
18	distinctions?
19	A Now, meaning like today?
20	Q Yes. Like this year.
21	A Well, I can't remember exactly what the
22	status and flow was in those early years six and a
23	half years ago.
24	Q Have you noticed a general increase in flow
25	and depth in that creek?

1	A I can't remember whether Vicki did or not,
2	but I know that I gave her pictures of the property
3	that were taken about that time.
4	Q Showing the stream?
5	A Yeah. Under the structure.
6	Q Did she give you a copy of that policy?
7	A Yes.
8	Q Did you read it?
9	A Yes.
10	Q When you read that policy, did you
11	understand that it was a standard flood insurance
12	policy issued through a federal government program?
13	A I did.
14	Q Was that explained to you by Vicki when
15	she
16	A No, but I knew that the government was the
17	underwriter.
18	Q Prior to 2005 when you took that policy out
19	through State Farm, had you had any other flood
20	insurance policies in your life?
21	A No.
22	Q Did you know at all about the standard
23	flood insurance policy prior to this time with Vicki?
24	A Very generally.
25	Q What was your understanding?

1	your complaint, you explain that you observed the
2	water rising. This paragraph goes on to say that
3	the you observed that the walls the channel
4	walls and the foundation on the structure down there
5	were being undermined.
6	A That's correct.
7	Q Tell me what you mean by that.
8	A Well, just upstream from my structure,
9	those walls those channel walls, some are washed
10	away out of there, which left holes in each side of
11	those channel walls for the water to get behind the
12	walls that remained downstream underneath my
13	structure.
14	Q Okay. So let me make sure I understand
15	you. So the rocks that formed the walls themselves
16	were getting washed away?
17	A Yes.
18	Q And that left a gap, a hole in the wall so
19	that water could get behind the wall?
20	A That's correct.
21	Q And then the water, as it got behind the
22	wall, was compromising the earth or the support for
23	those walls? Is that accurate?
24	A I didn't observe that at the moment, but
25	that's what was going on. The water the term is
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      "piping." Water gets behind a vertical channel wall
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      like that on each side, and whatever is behind it,
      which you can't see, that water is going through
      there and eroding away whatever is in its road, and
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      eventually did erode away underneath those
      foundations.
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                Okay. So the damage that you could
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      initially observe was that the rocks in those walls
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      were getting washed out, were getting torn out?
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                Yeah, which made holes and made access for
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      the water to get behind the channel walls.
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                I see.
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                Which were built specifically for
      channeling the water.
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                And was it your feeling, then, that this
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      increased depth or flow of the stream in this May of
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      '05 time frame had washed those rocks out of that
      channel wall?
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                Not all of them.
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                Well, some of them?
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                In part of it, yeah.
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                And created those holes?
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                Yes.
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                And as a result of that, then you decided
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      to purchase insurance through State Farm?
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1	A No, no. I purchased the insurance long
2	before there was any damage.
3	Q Okay. Let me take you back to Paragraph 6
4	and make sure I understand what you've just said.
5	This paragraph references the May of 2005 time frame.
6	A Uh-huh.
7	Q And indicates that the water began to
8	undermine the structure's foundation.
9	A Okay. I can't remember the date when I
10	purchased the insurance.
11	MR. STEFFENSEN: Paragraph 5 says April.
12	THE WITNESS: Yeah, so the month before, it
13	was fine.
14	Q (BY MR. WRIGHT) Okay. So you purchased
15	the
16	A Flood policy, yeah, in April.
17	Q From State Farm in April of '05, and then a
18	month later you began seeing these problems that
19	we've talked about?
20	A Yeah. Minor at the time, but I did observe
21	it, yeah.
22	Q Okay. So you've told me about the
23	undermining, the holes in the wall and the erosion
24	behind those walls. What was occurring with the
25	structure's foundation in May of '05?

1	A At that point, I don't think there was any
2	obvious thing going on with the foundations, other
3	than I was concerning myself with what might happen.
4	Q Okay. How did those problems progress,
5	then? Walk me through
6	A Well, as first of all, I saw settlement
7	in one pier that's in the center of the building.
8	There's two piers that support the center of the
9	structure which are above ground about seven or eight
10	feet.
11	Q And which side of the creek would those
12	piers be on?
13	A Would be the west side, the one I observed
14	the settlement. And, actually, that's when I think
15	we made the claim and State Farm came out and
16	observed that.
17	Q Okay. Now, at that period of time so
18	you had two of the piers then that were having
19	problems?
20	A Well, the first one, there was just the
21	one.
22	Q Okay.
23	A The first time period when I called the
24	insurance company and said, "Look, I've got a problem
25	here," and they came out and looked. There was only

1	the one pier, which was the center pier on the west
2	side of the creek under the building.
3	Q Okay. At that period of time, then, when
4	you first notified State Farm, what was the condition
5	of the walls, other than the holes that you've told
6	me about? Was there anything beyond that?
7	A No, not really.
8	Q Okay. Was the could you observe at that
9	time when you reported to State Farm that you had
10	a problem, could you observe that the earth behind
11	those rock walls was being washed away?
12	A Other than under the foundation that we
13	were looking at. It was bare, fully uncovered at
L 4	that point. You could see the pier and the
15	foundation for the pier, which was a concrete
L 6	foundation. You could see it. The flow was low
L 7	enough you could see it and observe it at that point.
L8	Q Okay. So had
L 9	A Just there at that point.
20	Q Okay. So at that point, then, had all of
21	the rock walls washed away?
22	A No, no. No. They're still not all
23	washed away.
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	Q Were the holes increasing, then, over time?
25	A Oh, I would say were they increasing

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                In -- let's talk about '05, spring and
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      summer of '05. Were you observing increased rocks?
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                Oh, I couldn't tell. When the water comes
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      up, you can't tell what's going on. At that point,
      all we could see is that one pier in the time frame
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     we're talking about it, and underneath it. That's
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      all you could really observe, and a few other things.
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      I could tell where the flow was coming from, which
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     was behind a wall on that side where that pier is
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     exposed.
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                Okay. So you could see water going around
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      the wall?
                Behind it.
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                And which side of the creek?
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                West. Or south.
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                South. Okav. Under the structure?
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                Yeah, yeah. Just upstream of the pier
     we're talking about, the first one that was the
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     problem.
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                Okay. So just a little bit to the east of
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     that pier?
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                That's correct. The holes at that point
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1	were very minor. Water was getting in there and you
2	could see where it had been flowing, but of
3	course, now that's increased considerably in the last
4	several years.
5	Q So this problem has continued to develop
6	since you first noticed it in '05?
7	A Since I first had the claim guys out there
8	and they looked at it, yes.
9	Q Okay. So you reported this to State Farm
10	in when do you think it was you reported it?
11	A Apparently before September 23rd, 2005.
12	Q Because that's when someone from State Farm
13	came to take a look?
14	A Yeah.
15	Q And what did that person from State Farm
16	you've got a person identified here, Steve Purcell.
17	A Yeah. He was the inspector at the time.
18	Q Okay. Did he during his inspection, did
19	he tell you anything about whether the damage would
20	be covered?
21	A I don't recall whether he told me anything,
22	but he did write a letter, which indicated they were
23	going to fix that, which that would be covered, in my
24	estimation, when they offered me money to fix it, but
25	it was a stupid solution to the problem, and I told
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1	A Pretty much, yes.
2	Q So, going into the spring of 2006, tell me
3	what was happening as far as the depth and flow of
4	that creek.
5	A It was very high.
6	Q And can you quantify how high it was?
7	A Well, you could you couldn't see,
8	upstream, the walls, channel walls. I mean, the
9	water was that high.
LO	Q So it was
L1	A Above those walls.
L2	Q Okay.
13	A Upstream from my place and upstream and
L 4	under my place, same condition. You couldn't see the
L5	rock walls. You could see the concrete on top at
L6	that time, as I remember, except where it had been
L 7	washed away previous under that one pier, or near
L8	that one pier.
L 9	Q So the water was filling the channel, then?
20	A Well, it was yes, pretty full. Not
21	completely full. I mean, it wasn't running over the
22	tops of those walls underneath the cabin.
23	Q But close to the top?
24	A I can't remember exactly, because there was
25	a hole where that one pillar we were talking about

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earlier -- it could go into there and it was in there
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                How high are those rock walls?
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                Well, they were about three feet,
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      approximately.
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                Or the structure.
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                How about --
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                Upstream, maybe they're two and a half to
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      close to three feet, some of them. Not on my
      property. The walls upstream that were built at the
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      same time, in the early 20's, all of those walls.
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                And in the spring of '06, then, the water
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      is getting close to the top of those three-foot
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      walls?
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                Well, close or above. As I say, I didn't
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      observe them 24 hours a day, but when the heavy rains
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      come, it comes right through, and no control on that
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               It just -- it comes when it comes, middle of
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      the night or daytime, whatever.
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                So, progressing through 2006, then, were
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      you continuing to have additional damage beyond what
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      you've told me?
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Well, the continual erosion continues all 1 Α the time. Today, even. To what extent -- and I took 2 3 pictures along the line to show some of that, and it 4 wasn't totally defined. You couldn't define it by 5 inches or anything of that nature, but it was, and 6 did continue. 7 This was -- this letter was, of course, 8 after I spent quite a bit of money to make sure nothing else happened, like the structure falling in 9 10 the creek. 11 Okav. So by at least July of '06, you had 12 at least started the --13 Oh, yeah. Finished most of it. We had a 14 ton of expenses by then. Or not finished all of it, 15 because it still isn't finished, but I'd just -- I'd 16 done a substantial amount of work that prevented it from falling in the stream. 17 18 And tell me what was done out there to try and prevent that from falling in the stream. 19 20 Well, first of all, when -- the first 21 incident took place and I could see the three piers 22 of the six were down, I moved a house mover in there 23 with his cribbing and shoring materials to prop it up 24 so it wouldn't go down, temporarily. 25 The next phase was to hire a company to

1 come in and put in new piling. The old pilings were 2 not going to do the job. They weren't doing the job. 3 The temporary structures we put in there with the 4 temporary cribbing and support we put in there was 5 holding it, but if they were to come out or be washed out, which didn't ever happen, the structure would 6 7 have gone down. So I put in helical pile, eight of 8 them, and new I-beams underneath, supported by the 9 helical pile --10 Q Okay. 11 -- to support the whole structure, and 12 that's how it stands today. 13 Okay. 0 14 Then we jacked it back up. It had dropped 15 over a foot on the north end of the building, back 16 progressively to the south to where the other 17 supports clear back under the other part of the 18 structure were holding it. 19 Anything else that was done besides what 20 you've told me? 21 We tried to do things with the channel. 22 Flow was coming up and down. It was almost futile. 23 We put quite a bit of concrete in there. I pumped 24 concrete behind those walls so it wouldn't erode any 2.5 more through the holes that were made by the water

1 originally. Put in sandbags to the tune of about 2 five or six hundred, and they'd wash out periodically. Some of -- most of them are still 3 4 there. On the upstream, rebuilt those walls that had 5 progressively washed away to cause the original 6 foundations to settle, and that's still there. So it 7 was an ongoing thing during those months. 8 Okay. Have the concrete repairs that you Q 9 did to the rock walls, has that been effective in 10 stopping the erosion? 11 I can't really tell. I can't see behind 12 There's been some continued settlement on 13 some of the piers that we couldn't effectively pump 14 concrete back to. And there's one on the west side 15 of the cabin structure on the south wall of the 16 channel, that pier used to be right up, and now it's 17 down four inches, I think, something, last time I 18 measured it. 19 So there's a gap between the top of it? 20 Top of it and the structure. Now the 21 structure is being held by the I-beams I put in on 22 top of the helical pile. 23 Q Okay. 24 So I think it's still moving a little, but I couldn't get at that one to get anything under it 25

1	along the line I got it.
2	Q Okay. If you'll turn to Page 13 of 19 in
3	that policy, if you look at Paragraph 4, which is
4	right at the very top of the page there
5	A Okay.
6	Q Let me just read that. It says, quote
7	"Within 60 days after the loss, send us a proof of
8	loss, which is your statement of the amount you are
9	claiming under the policy, signed and sworn to by
10	you, and which furnishes us with the following
11	information." Then it lists A through I. Do you see
12	that?
13	A Yeah, I do.
14	Q Did you ever do that with respect to the
15	claim you made with State Farm?
16	A Well, I did in the original when we talked
17	about that original pier.
18	Q Okay.
19	A And then we did later on.
20	Q And what did you submit as a proof of loss?
21	A Bills.
22	Q Would that be the information that we've
23	talked about here, this packet?
24	A Yeah, we've talked about it.
25	Q So that's Exhibit 8?

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                MR. STEFFENSEN: I think you have a
 2
      foundation issue, because there have been essentially
 3
      multiple claims made on the policy.
                MR. WRIGHT: Okay. Well --
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                MR. STEFFENSEN: There was the '05 claim.
      Then there's the '06 claim.
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                (BY MR. WRIGHT) Okay. So let me ask you
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      this: Have you submitted a proof of loss with
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      respect to any aspect of your claim?
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                Any aspect?
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                Yeah.
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                Yeah.
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                And is that Exhibit 8?
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                It is.
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                Okay.
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                And others, I quess, if we have any more.
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                MR. STEFFENSEN: Right.
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                (BY MR. WRIGHT) Tell me what you mean,
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      other than Exhibit 8, that you've submitted as proof
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      of loss.
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                Well, we've got legal bills and other
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      things of that nature, I'm sure. I don't know
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      whether you have them, but I do.
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                You've got bills from your attorney?
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                Yes.
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1	Q Okay. Other than that, do you have
2	anything else that you've submitted as a proof of
3	loss?
4	MR. STEFFENSEN: Vague and ambiguous.
5	Foundation.
6	THE WITNESS: Yeah. Very hard to
7	determine.
8	Q (BY MR. WRIGHT) Okay. Have you submitted
9	any documents that you have signed and sworn to?
10	A I've signed everything I've submitted,
11	which you've got copies of this stuff. I'm swearing
12	to it now. That's me that did it.
13	Q Okay.
14	A I haven't sat down with a notary, if that's
15	what you're talking about.
16	Q Okay. Now, the damage in 2006 that you
17	contacted State Farm about, that was continued
18	ongoing problems from what had started in 2005,
19	wasn't it?
20	MR. STEFFENSEN: Vague and ambiguous.
21	THE WITNESS: Okay. Vague and ambiguous.
22	I don't know how else to answer it, unless you want
23	to rephrase the question.
24	Q (BY MR. WRIGHT) In other words, if I
25	understand your testimony correctly, in your

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      observations, this problem started in 2005 and has
      progressed through the present, at least until you
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      had a chance to address it with putting the piers and
      concrete there?
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                MR. STEFFENSEN: Vaque and ambiguous.
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                THE WITNESS: Well, even now --
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                MR. STEFFENSEN: Vaque and ambiguous.
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                (BY MR. WRIGHT) Is that right, Mr. Remund?
           Q
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                Well, it's even occurring today.
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                And so has this problem been a progression
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      since 2005, in your view?
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                MR. STEFFENSEN: Vague and ambiguous.
                THE WITNESS: We deterred it at the last
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      part of our efforts when I quit spending money.
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                (BY MR. WRIGHT) And that would have
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      been --
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               At least from the standpoint of the
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      building falling down, but it's continuing in the
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      stream.
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           Q
                Do you have your complaint there? Yeah,
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      you do.
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                Yeah.
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                If you'll look at Paragraph 13 --
           Q
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           Α
                Yeah.
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                -- that paragraph says, "In 2006,
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